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The above identified application was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 9, 2006. To date, the undersigned has received no formal communication from the Office, including the official Filing Receipt.

It is therefore respectfully requested that the undersigned be advised of the status of the above identified patent application and that the official Filing Receipt be promptly mailed to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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